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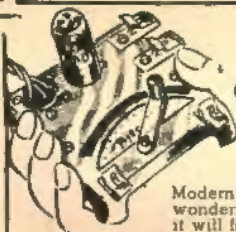
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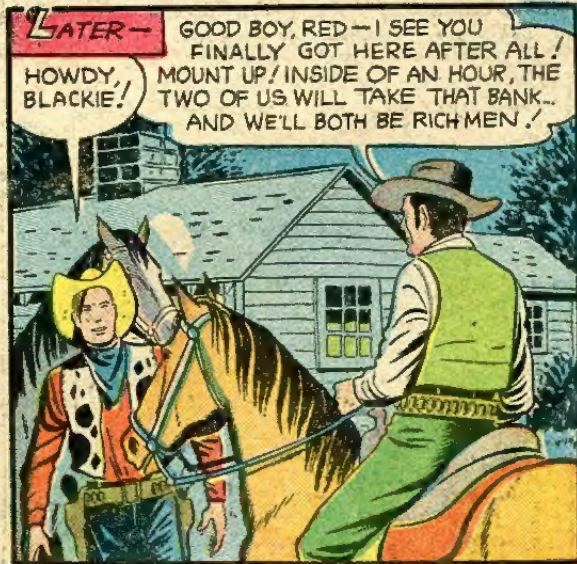
**B**EATEN  
DOWN TO THE GROUND BY  
A SNARLING COUGAR, THE  
DURANGO KID WAS FIGHTING  
FOR HIS LIFE! AND BEHIND HIM,  
CRAWLING STEALTHILY FORWARD, WAS

## THE REDHEAD WHO HATED DURANGO!



YOU = COUGH = GOING OUT  
AGAIN TONIGHT, SON? PROMISE  
ME YOU = COUGH = WON'T BE  
DOING ANYTHING  
WILD...!

LEAVE ME  
BE, MA—I'M A  
FULL-GROWN  
MAN!



**L**ATER—  
HOWDY,  
BLACKIE!

GOOD BOY, RED—I SEE YOU  
FINALLY GOT HERE AFTER ALL!  
MOUNT UP! INSIDE OF AN HOUR, THE  
TWO OF US WILL TAKE THAT BANK...  
AND WE'LL BOTH BE RICH MEN!





I NEVER DID ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE, BLACKIE!

THINK OF IT THIS WAY, RED—HOW'S YOUR MOTHER EVER GOING TO GET HER COUGH CURED ON COWHAND'S WAGES? STICK WITH ME, BOY!



AFTER A HARD RIDE—

REACH—THIS IS A STICK-UP! AND DON'T GET ANY FOOLISH IDEAS! MY YOUNG RED HEADED FRIEND'S GOT AN ITCHING TRIGGER FINGER!



SUDDENLY, OUTSIDE—

YIPPEEE—IT'S THE DURANGO KID!

YOU CAME JUST IN TIME, DURANGO! TWO OWLHOOTS ARE HOLDING UP THE BANK!



N-NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, RED. **YOU** WALK RIGHT OUT THE FRONT—AND I'LL MAKE SURE DURANGO KEEPS HIS HEAD DOWN BY SHOOTING THROUGH THE WINDOW!



DROP THAT GUN—PRONTO!

WHAT'S WRONG BACK THERE? WHY ISN'T BLACKIE GIVING ME COVERING—FIRE?



RED'S A SUCKER! WHILE HE KEEPS DURANGO BUSY OUT FRONT, I'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE A CLEAN GETAWAY THROUGH THIS SIDE WINDOW! OH—OH—SHOTS! IF I'M LUCKY, THEY'LL GUN EACH OTHER DOWN...!







THAT'S ONE MORE OWLHOOT WHO'LL USE A WITHDRAWAL SLIP NEXT TIME HE WANTS TO TAKE MONEY FROM A BANK...! HAUL HIM IN, SHERIFF!



BLACKIE RAN OUT ON ME! IF I EVER --

YOU GOT A VISITOR, RED... I'LL BE BACK IN TEN MINUTES -- SO BOTH OF YOU BETTER TALK FAST!



WH- WHO ARE-?

SHHH- IT'S BLACKIE D'ARCY! I'M IN DISGUISE...! NOW DON'T BE BLOWING YOUR STACK, RED- I CAN EXPLAIN EVERYTHING!

I COULDN'T HELP WHAT HAPPENED BACK AT THE BANK! THE WATCHMAN CLEARED LEATHER... AND I HAD TO VAMOOSE OUT THE SIDE SO I'D BE FREE TO HELP YOU NOW! LISTEN, RED- I HAVE NEWS ABOUT YOUR MOTHER....



DURANGO'S NOT SATISFIED WITH PUTTING YOU BEHIND BARS... NOW HE'S DRIVEN YOUR MOTHER CLEAN OUT OF THE TERRITORY! AND THE POOR OLD LADY'S FEELING SO POORLY, SHE CAN'T EVEN BRING HERSELF TO WRITE TO YOU!



HERE COMES THE GUARD... SLIP THIS GUN UNDER YOUR SHIRT! YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT!

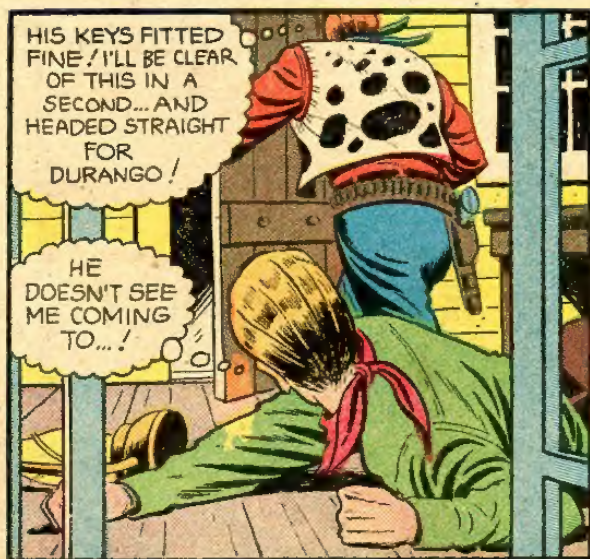
THANKS, BLACKIE- YOU'RE THE BEST FRIEND I EVER HAD!



THAT NIGHT-

TIME FOR CHOW, RED- WHERE ARE YOU?







**T**WO YEARS PASS... TWO YEARS DURING WHICH RED'S HATRED FOR DURANGO KEEPS MOUNTING EVER HIGHER! AND NOW—

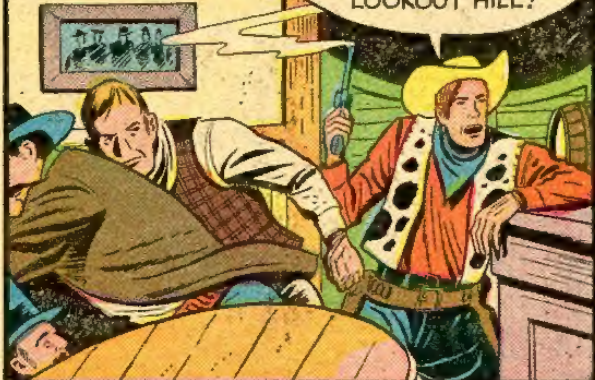
YOU'RE A FREE MAN, RED—TRY TO STAY ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE LAW!

I'M A FREE MAN... THAT MEANS DURANGO WILL BE A DEAD ONE BEFORE LONG!



**F**IRST THING RED DOES IS GO BACK TO THE TOWN WHERE HE WAS PULLED IN— AND HE SHOOTS UP THE LOCAL CABARET!

THIS IS TO LET EVERYBODY KNOW I'M OUT OF JAIL! SPREAD THE WORD—RED CONNER'S BACK...AND HE'LL BE WAITING FOR DURANGO IN THE OLD SHACK ON LOOKOUT HILL!



**T**HREE DAYS LATER—

DURANGO MUST'VE HEARD BY NOW...AND HE KNOWS OF THIS SHACK UP HERE! WHY HASN'T HE SHOWED UP YET SO I CAN HAVE IT OUT WITH HIM?



**A**T THAT MOMENT—



**S**UDDENLY—

HEY! I'M SLIPPING...! AND THE COUGAR'S STILL ALIVE...AND HE'S COMING STRAIGHT FOR ME!



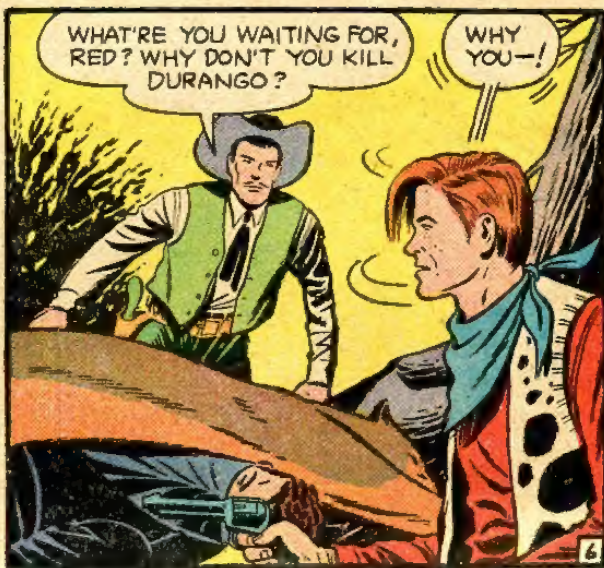




**THE COUGAR IS DEAD NOW— BUT DURANGO'S IN BAD SHAPE, AND HAS PASSED OUT! AND—**



MA'S THANKING DURANGO FOR SENDING HER TO A SANITARIUM FOR HER COUGH! SHE SAYS SHE CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY I'VE NEVER ANSWERED ALL HER LETTERS! SHE GAVE THEM TO MY FRIEND, MR. D'ARCY TO DELIVER TO ME IN JAIL...!









# THE DURANGO KID'S WESTERN DICTIONARY

This feature is a western dictionary, to explain for our readers the meaning of the western terms and expressions they may come across in these pages. We will explain about Indians and pioneers, gunfighters and cowboys, horses and cattle, and so forth. . . .

**OLLA** An olla is a drinking cup, made from a gourd. It usually hangs by the ranch well, or from a wooden peg on a ranch house post. Sometimes this word is also used to denote an earthenware jar with a wide mouth.

**PINON** The piñon is a tree of the pine family. It is found in the southwestern part of the United States. Scrubby and short, its wood furnishes excellent fuel for a fire. Piñon knots particularly give off tremendous heat. Many a trapper and Indian scout has managed to keep warm and healthy about such a fire, even on a freezing cold night.

In the East, the fruit of the piñon tree is called Indian nuts. In the west, they are properly called piñon nuts, or just plain pine nuts. They are sweet and nutritious. These pine nuts are not a seasonal growth. Some years they do not grow at all, while in other years the piñon gives a banner harvest.

**QUIEN SABE?** This is a Spanish term meaning, "Who knows?" The more popular "savvy" as cowboy slang has evolved from the *sabe* of the quotation. As such, "savvy" means knowledge or when asked a question, "Savvy that?" it means "Do you understand?" Billy the Kid, just before Pat Garrett shot him, is supposed to have muttered *Quien sabe?*

**RODEO** The rodeo is the great western sport that takes place from the American shore of the Rio Grande to the borderline of Canada. Originally begun as a roundup diversion, in which the cowboys of the ranches participating in the roundup

could relax and have some fun after the work was done, the rodeo has come to mean big crowds at Madison Square Garden and bronc busters walking along Fifth Avenue in New York City.

The word *rodeo* brings to mind the slatted chutes and a cowboy settling onto a barebacked Brahma bull or slipping his fifty dollar boots into stirrups on a wild mustang. Not many people realize, however, that there were rodeos as far back as 1880, held out in the cow country, and that in those days there was no 10-second rule. A rider had to stay on until the horse gave up! One of the most famous horses of that long-gone day was *Steamboat* — who was ridden to a standstill only once in thirteen years! Some say that even that once was a fluke, for the great *Steamboat* stopped bucking as if to take a deep breath and his rider dismounted and claimed a victory.

Bronc riding and calf roping: these were features of the old roundup rodeos. In 1903 a Texas negro cowpoke named Pickett introduced bulldogging, or steer wrestling. At first this steer wrestling was only an exhibition at the rodeos given over to bareback and saddle bronc riding and calf roping, but soon it was added as a regular feature of the rodeo, together with bareback bull riding. These five features are the mainstays of every modern rodeo.

The world record for bulldogging is 3½ seconds, held by Dave Campbell, Hugh Bennett and Speedy Dinsmore. The calf roping record is 11 seconds, but this was not done against a Brahma calf. Any cowpoke who can rope and tie a Brahma calf in from fifteen to twenty seconds time is doing "real good."

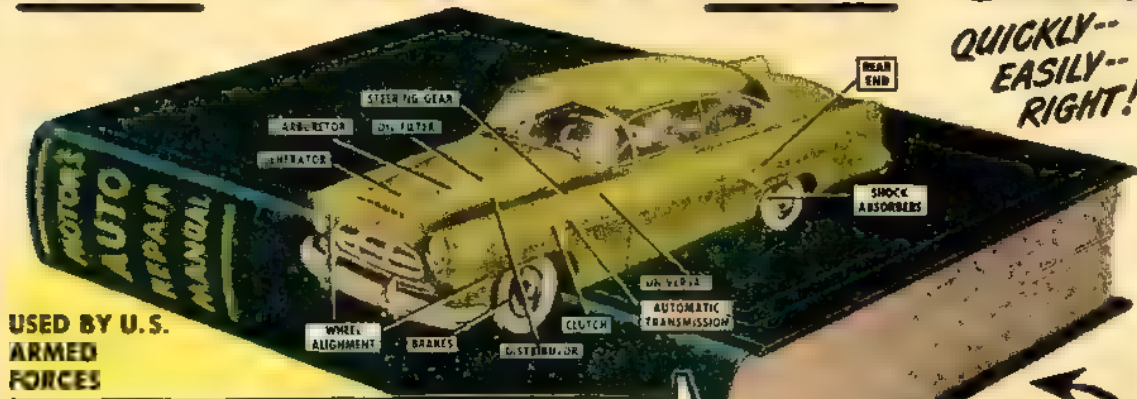
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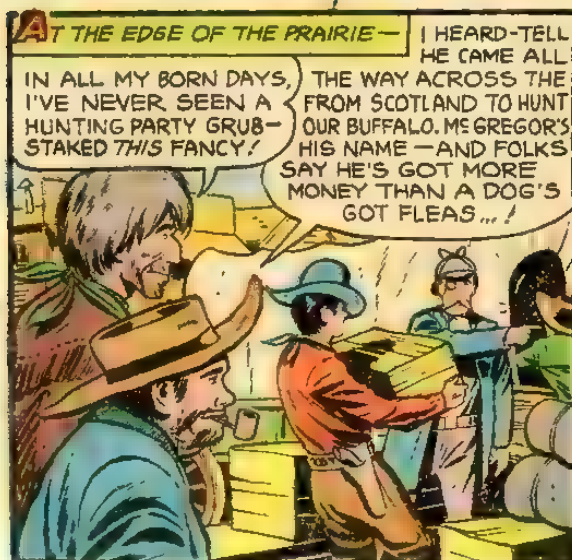
HE DURANGO KID FROWNED AS HE WATCHED THE SPORTSMAN FROM OVERSEAS SEND BULLET AFTER BULLET SMACKING INTO THE BUFFALO HERD! DURANGO'S HEART WAS HEAVY...FOR HE SENSED THE GRIM AND DIRE AFTERMATH OF

## THE BIG HUNT!

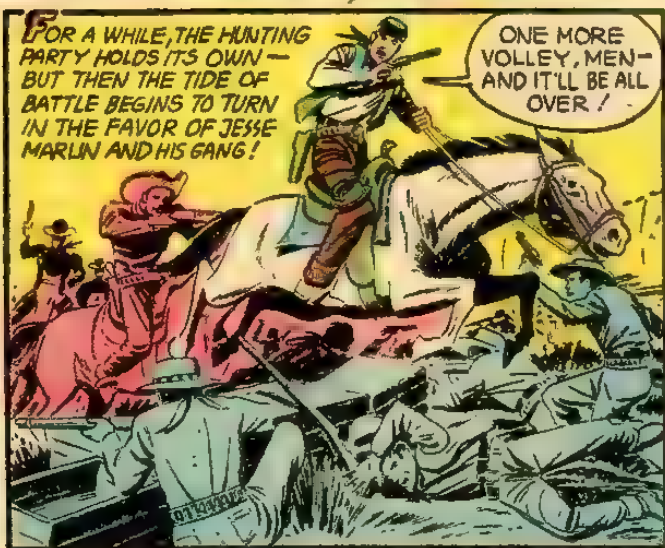


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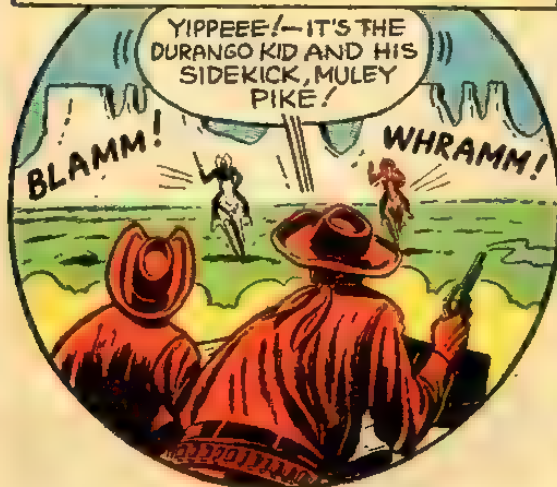
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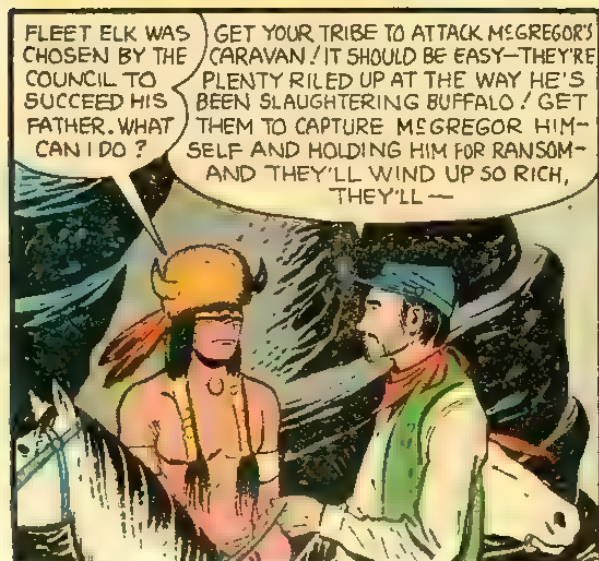
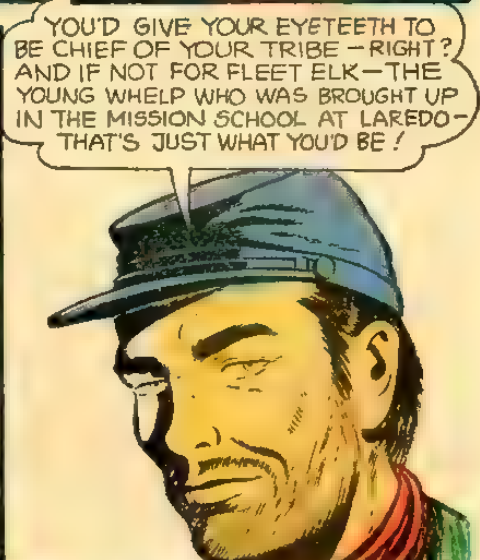
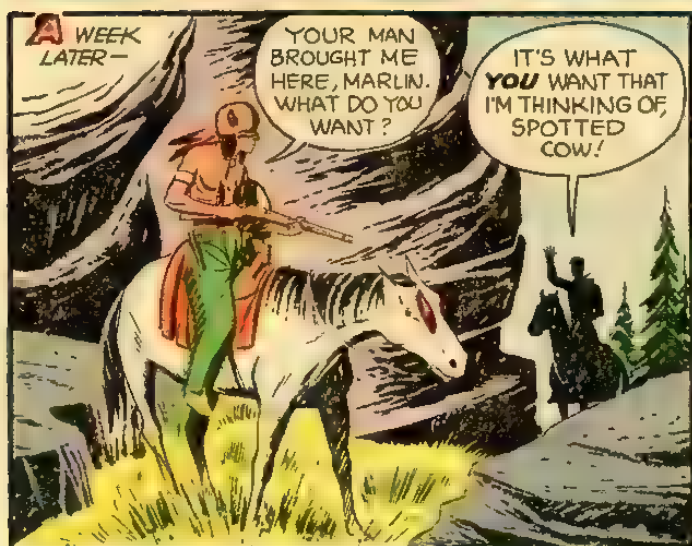
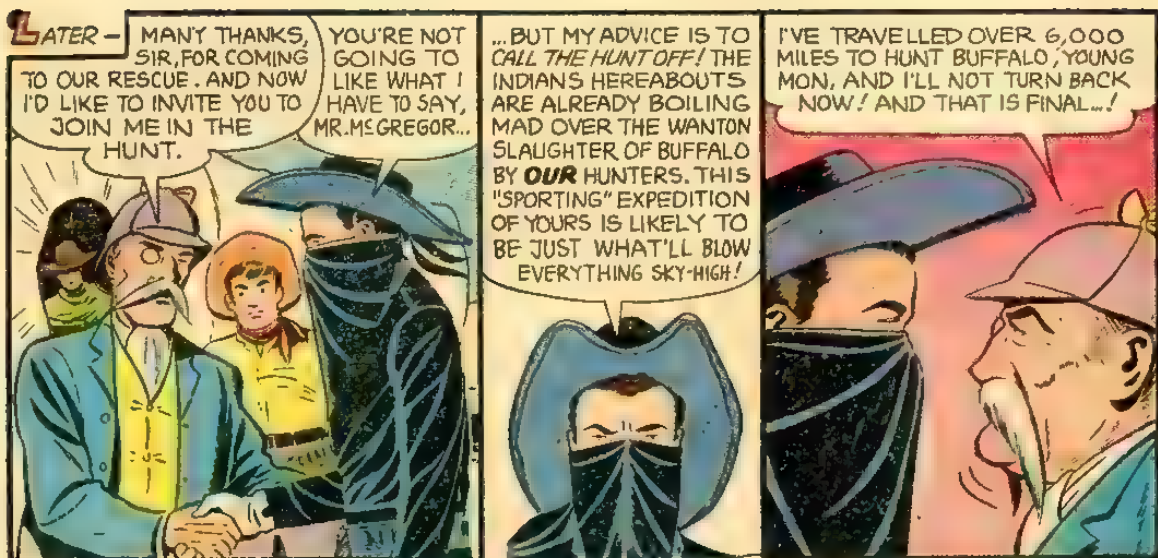




**BUT THEN FROM THE HORIZON'S EDGE, TWO MEN GALLOP FORWARD WITH BLAZING GUNS —**









FOR PROTECTING YOUR FLANKS DURING THE ATTACK AND HANDLING THE RANSOM POW-WOW, I WANT A QUARTER OF THE RANSOM AND HALF OF MCGREGOR'S EQUIPMENT.

YOU HAVE MY WORD... I SHALL CALL THE COUNCIL TOGETHER TONIGHT!

**AT THE COUNCIL MEETING, THE YOUNG CHIEF, FLEET ELK, SPEAKS FIRST—**

IT IS TRUE THAT THE HUNTER FROM ACROSS THE SEA KILLS WANTONLY AND WITHOUT NEED! BUT SHOULD **WE** KILL TOO IN ANSWER TO HIM? **NO!** LET US GO TO THE FORT AND ASK THE WHITE SOLDIERS TO STOP HIM!



**BUT THEN SPOTTED COW SPRINGS TO HIS FEET—**

ONLY **YOU**, WHOSE HEART HAS BEEN TURNED AGAINST HIS OWN PEOPLE BY TOO MANY YEARS AT THE WHITE MAN'S MISSION SCHOOL, WOULD DARE COUNSEL US TO CRAWL ON OUR BELLIES IN THE DUST, WHEN WE SHOULD BE WAR-PAINTED AND RIDING WITH BOWS AND SPEARS IN OUR HANDS!



**SPOTTED COW'S INFLAMMATORY SPEECH SWAYS THE COUNCIL! AND AT DAWN—**



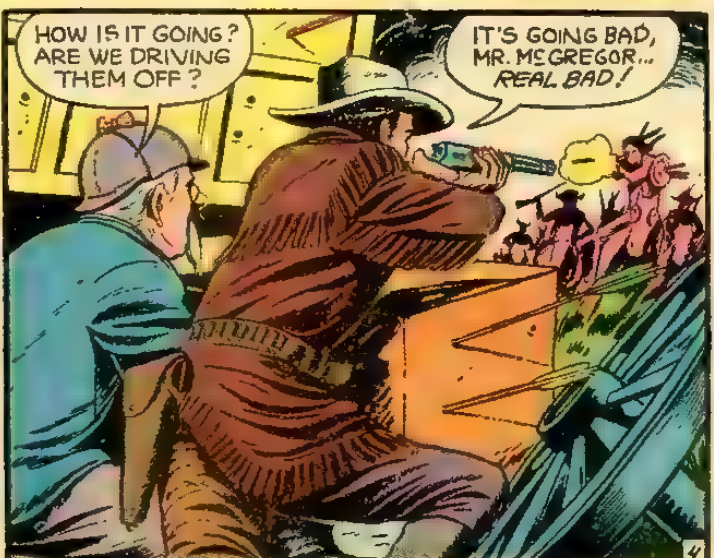
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GET THOSE WAGONS IN A CIRCLE! THE INJUNS ARE COMING!

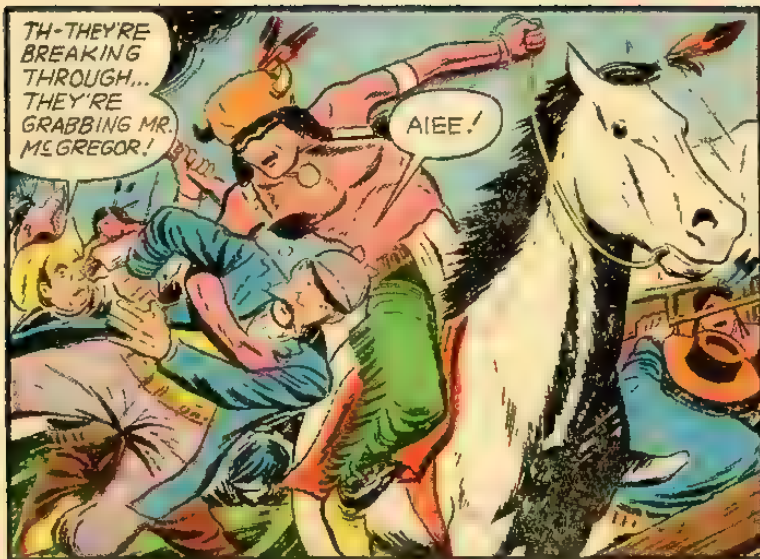


HOW IS IT GOING? ARE WE DRIVING THEM OFF?

IT'S GOING BAD, MR. MCGREGOR... **REAL BAD!**







TH-THEY'RE  
BREAKING  
THROUGH...  
THEY'RE  
GRABBING MR.  
MCGREGOR!

AIEE!

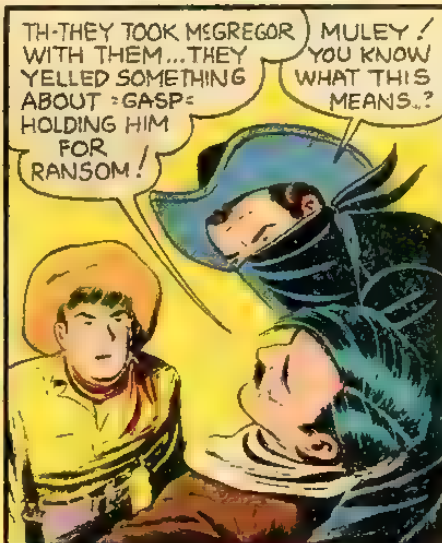


THE INDIANS HAVE GONE NOW...  
AND VERY LITTLE IS LEFT OF  
THE BIG HUNT!



LOOKS LIKE WE CAME  
TO LATE, MULEY. SURE IS  
A SHAME MCGREGOR  
WOULDN'T LISTEN  
WHEN -

DURANGO!  
SOMEBODY'S  
MOVING  
OVER  
THERE!



TH-THEY TOOK MCGREGOR  
WITH THEM...THEY  
YELLED SOMETHING  
ABOUT -GASP-  
HOLDING HIM  
FOR RANSOM!

MULEY!  
YOU KNOW  
WHAT THIS  
MEANS?!

IF MCGREGOR ISN'T  
RELEASED AT ONCE, THE  
ARMY WILL SEND A DETAIL  
AFTER HIM...AND WE'LL  
HAVE ANOTHER **INDIAN**  
**WAR** ON OUR HANDS!



IN THE MORNING -

SURE HOPE WE'RE  
DOING THE RIGHT THING -  
RIDING RIGHT INTO THEIR  
CAMP THIS WAY.

HAVE TO  
CHANCE IT,  
MULEY.  
THERE'S  
A LOT  
AT  
STAKE.



WE'VE COME IN PEACE - AND WITHOUT  
GUYS! FOR YOUR OWN SAKE, LISTEN TO  
OUR WORDS. THE HUNTER FROM ACROSS  
THE SEA MUST BE SET FREE AT ONCE..!





**BUT THEN—**

**MARLIN!**

**I'M THE ONLY TRUE WHITE FRIEND THESE INJUNS HAVE, DURANGO! CAME WITHOUT GUNS, YOU SAID... WHAT'S THIS?**

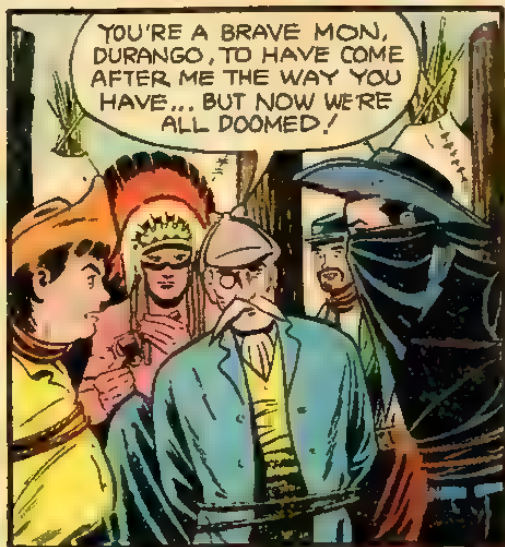
**DURANGO ISN'T GIVEN A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN THAT THE GUN WAS PLANTED!**

**SEE! HE'S A LIAR! YOU CAN'T BELIEVE A WORD HE SAYS!**

**THE GUN PROVES IT... DURANGO MEANT TO CHEAT US!**



**BEAR THEM TO THE STAKES! LET THEM STAND BESIDE THE HUNTER FROM ACROSS THE SEA...!**



**YOU'RE A BRAVE MON, DURANGO, TO HAVE COME AFTER ME THE WAY YOU HAVE... BUT NOW WE'RE ALL DOOMED!**

**SUDDENLY—** STOP! THIS GUN MARLIN FOUND ON DURANGO... I WAS AT THE WHITE MAN'S MISSION SCHOOL AND I CAN READ THEIR WRITING... THE LETTERS ON THE GUN ARE **J.M. IT'S MARLIN'S GUN!**

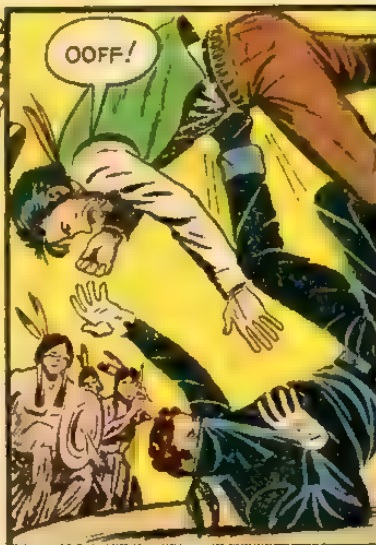
**HOW DO WE KNOW FLEET ELK READS THE MARKINGS ON THE GUN CORRECTLY? HE HAS OPPOSED THE RAID FROM THE START!**

**BUT FLEET ELK NEVER LIES!**

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Each year the Rodeo Association selects a World Champion Cowboy. This man earns his title by a compilation of points he has scored in winning various championships during the rodeo season and all along the rodeo circuit. A first place counts so much toward the title, a second place somewhat less. By the end of the year, the man scoring the most points in bronc and bull riding, roping and steer wrestling is acclaimed the Champ!

Every schoolboy knows the names of such famous rodeo competitors as Casey Tibbs, Jim Shoulders, Tater Decker and Bill Linderman. They have won many saddles as proof of their great skill as bronco busters and wild bull riders. Other men—like Toots Mansfield and Lee Roberts—have achieved fame by steer wrestling and calf roping.

In bronc riding, the rider must come out of the chute digging spurs into the bronc's shoulders; this will naturally cause the bronc to buck harder in order to dislodge his rider. Points are given according to the ferocity of the horse as well as the fact that a man remains in the saddle. The buckner must keep one arm aloft at all times, for grasping the saddle horn (it is called "pulling leather" in cowboy lingo) will disqualify the rider. The full ride must last 10 seconds. At that time, providing the rider is still in the saddle, a pickup man will come for him. The rider grasps the pickup man by waist or shoulders and swings over onto his mount, leaving his own wild horse to go running around the arena, kicking up its heels.

One of the closest battles for rodeo thousand-dollar-checks has developed between bronc rider Casey Tibbs and Bill Linderman. Each has won the winner's prize from the other several times. They usually finish one-two in this event, one man or the other on top.

Rodeos have been held in western prisons, with the contestants winning prizes and prison championships.

Lately, such colleges as Hardin-Simmons, New Mexico A. and M., West Texas, Texas A and M, Texas, and other western universities, have fielded rodeo teams in national competitions. This is a sport that has caught on fast out west, but but in the east, where the lack of bucking broncos and Brahma steers is self-evident, there are no rodeo teams.

Rodeo clowns, such as Jasbo Fulkerson, are an integral part of every rodeo. Fans who laugh at their antics know that these men are not out on the arena sands only for laughter. They serve a grim, effi-

cient purpose. When a wild bronc or an even wilder Brahma bull throws its rider, it is the clown who rushes up, usually waving a hat or a piece of wool, to attract the animal's attention from the sometimes helpless rider. Otherwise, many a living cowboy would be dead today, trampled or gored to death by the animal he has just ridden.

**SUNFISHING** This is a term given to the action of a bucking horse as he attempts to unseat his rider. The "sunfisher" twists its body while in mid-air, attempting to aim its belly at the sun, and so throw its rider. When the horse falls to the ground, the unwary rider is often caught with a leg under the horse, and takes a fast trip to the nearest hospital with a broken limb.

**TAPADEROS** A tapadero is a highly ornate stirrup covering. Of tooled leather, they dangle on either side of the stirrup itself, forming a cup before it, which prevents the stirrup from catching in shrub or underbrush as the rider gallops along.

There are many different kinds of tapadero. Originally of plain leather, it soon became as ornate as some fancy saddles. Some of them are lined with sheep wool and keep the feet dry and warm during cold, wet weather.

**VAQUERO** A Spanish word for cowboy.

**WAMPUM** Although wampum was money used by Indians of the eastern United States, rather than by Indians of the west, the editors feel that a short description of it may prove of interest to our readers.

Wampum is the name given to the shell beads that the Iroquois and Algonkin Indians strung in lengths for money and for ornament. Most seaboard Indians also used wampum in the days before the coming of the white man, and during the early colonial period. The shells were shaped with a hammer and chisel, ground and drilled. They were then rounded and polished on a grindstone and strung on a wire or rawhide thong. The Dutch and English colonists used wampum as a trading medium, counting five shells to a penny.

As an ornament, these variously colored shells were worked into necklaces and bracelets, collars and armbands.

Ceremonial use of these wampum belts included the war belt and peace belt. Purple shells were the sign of mourning, death and hostility. White was the color of peace and health, as red was the color of war. Many of these wampum belts can be seen today at the New York State Museum in Albany.



# Dan Brand and Tipi



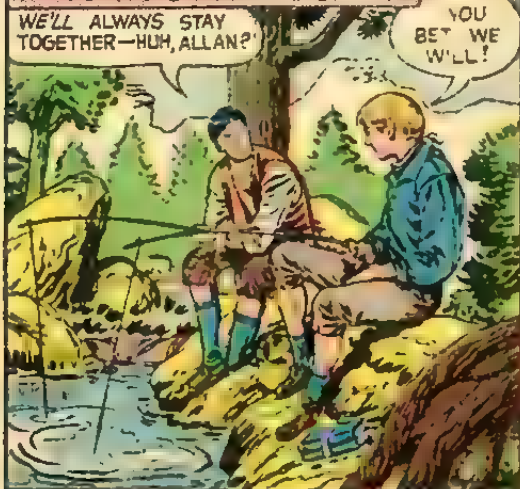
HOW MANY OF YOU KNOW THAT THE TERM "COWBOY" WAS FIRST APPLIED TO ENEMIES OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION...? THEY WERE A BAND OF RUTHLESS TORY MARAUDERS WHO EARNED THE NAME BY STEALING CATTLE FROM SUPPORTERS OF THE PATRIOT CAUSE! AND DAN BRAND AND TITI FOUND THEMSELVES FIGHTING FOR THEIR LIVES WHEN THEY CAME TO GRIPS WITH

**"THE FIRST COWBOYS"**

BEFORE THE REVOLUTION, GEORGE BAINBRIDGE AND ALLAN JERVIS WERE AS CLOSE AS TWO YOUNG FRIENDS COULD BE—

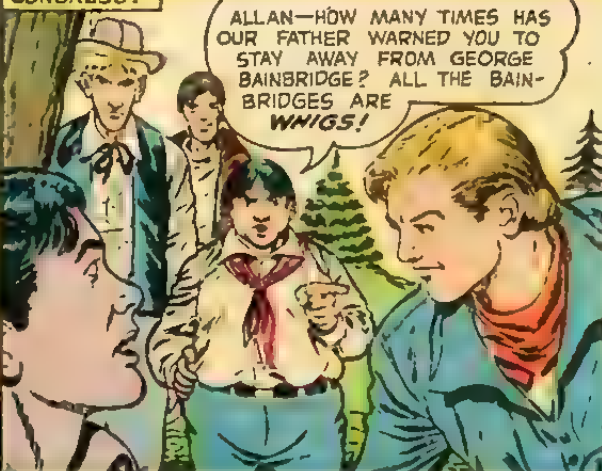
WE'LL ALWAYS STAY TOGETHER—HUH, ALLAN?

YOU BET WE WILL!

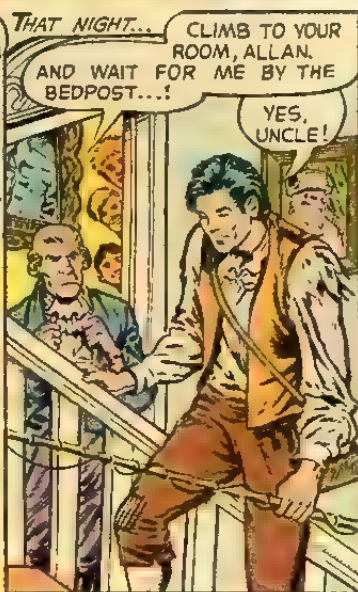
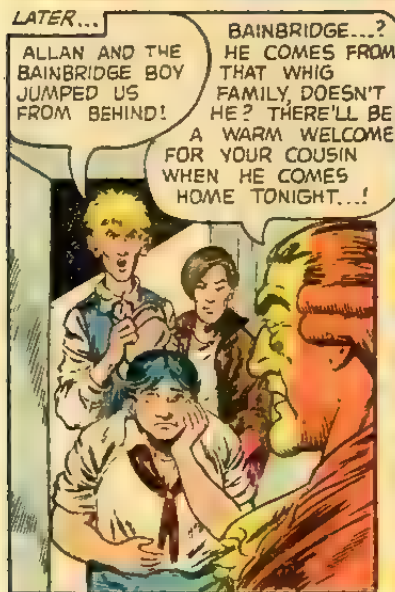


BUT ALLAN WAS AN ORPHAN WHO LIVED WITH HIS UNCLE AND THREE COUSINS... AND THEY WERE STAUNCH TORIES WHO HATED ALL SUPPORTERS OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS!

ALLAN—HOW MANY TIMES HAS OUR FATHER WARNED YOU TO STAY AWAY FROM GEORGE BAINBRIDGE? ALL THE BAINBRIDGES ARE WHIGS!



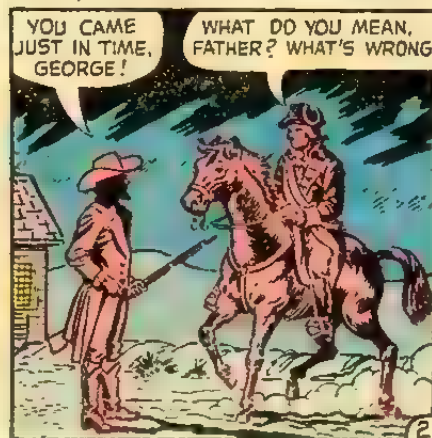




**TIME PASSES...**  
THE WAR FOR  
INDEPENDENCE  
BREAKS OUT...  
THE BAINBRIDGES  
MOVE AWAY...  
AND ALLAN  
AND GEORGE  
LOSE TRACK  
OF EACH OTHER...



**FOUR YEARS LATER, GEORGE, ON LEAVE FROM THE PATRIOT ARMY, VISITS HIS FAMILY, SETTLED NOW IN WESTCHESTER—**





THE TORY REFUGEES HAVE BANDED TOGETHER AROUND HERE! WE CALL THEM **COWBOYS!**...THEY HAVE BEEN RAIDING ONE PATRIOT FARMER AFTER ANOTHER—BURNING BUILDINGS AND STEALING CATTLE! AND I'VE HEARD THEY PLAN TO RAID MY FARM TONIGHT!



NIGHT FALLS...AND THE BAINBRIDGES WAIT TENSELY FOR THE EXPECTED ATTACK!



A HISSING TORCH ARCS THROUGH THE DARKNESS, AND A SMALL OUTER BUILDING BURSTS INTO FLAME! AS THE BAINBRIDGES RUSH TO PUT THE FIRE OUT—

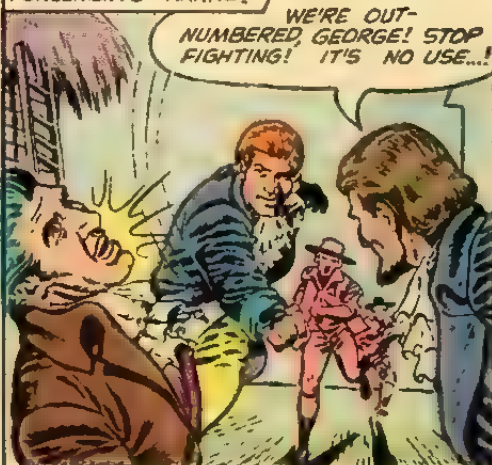


THE COWBOYS HAVE TRICKED US! THEY'RE BACK THERE...GOING FOR THE CATTLE!

THE RAIDERS AND THE DEFENDERS CLAW AT ONE ANOTHER IN THE DARK! NO ONE SHOOTS FOR FEAR OF MISTAKING FRIEND OR FOE!



FOR A WHILE THE RAIDERS ARE FOUGHT TO A STANDSTILL. BUT THEN COWBOY REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVE!

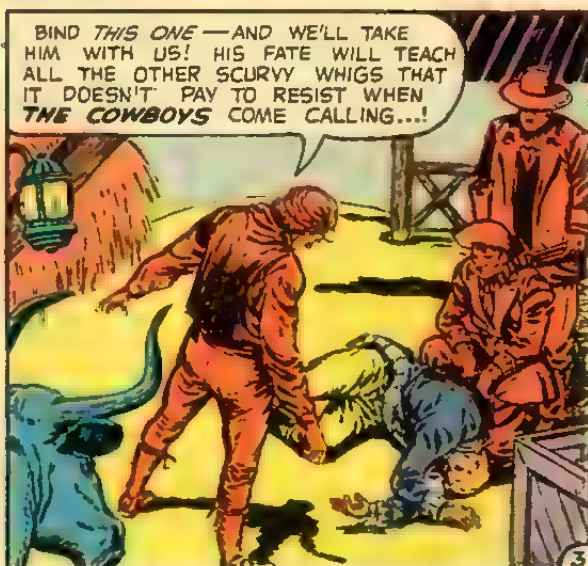


WE'RE OUT-NUMBERED, GEORGE! STOP FIGHTING! IT'S NO USE...

NO! THAT'S WHAT EVERYONE SAID AFTER CONCORD: "IT'S NO USE..." BUT OUR ARMIES STAYED ON THE FIELD AND—OH!



BIND THIS ONE—AND WE'LL TAKE HIM WITH US! HIS FATE WILL TEACH ALL THE OTHER SCURRY WHIGS THAT IT DOESN'T PAY TO RESIST WHEN THE COWBOYS COME CALLING...





EN ROUTE TO THE COWBOY HIDEOUT, GEORGE SPOTS A FAMILIAR FACE AMONG HIS CAPTORS—

ALLAN JERVIS! DON'T YOU REMEMBER ME? I'M GEORGE—



YOU'RE A WHIG! THAT'S ALL I REMEMBER!

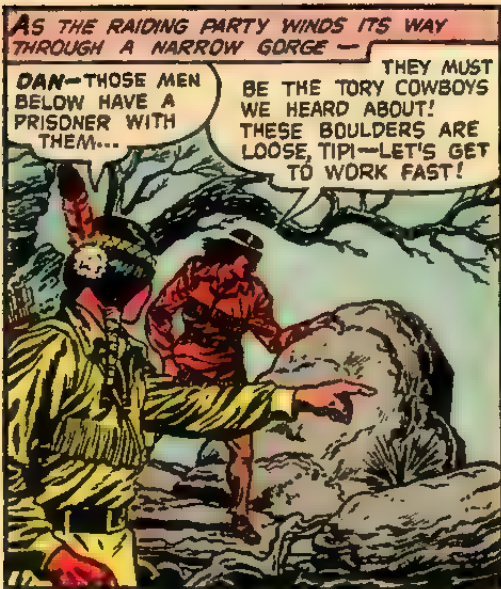
GOOD WORK, ALLAN!



AS THE RAIDING PARTY WINDS ITS WAY THROUGH A NARROW GORGE—

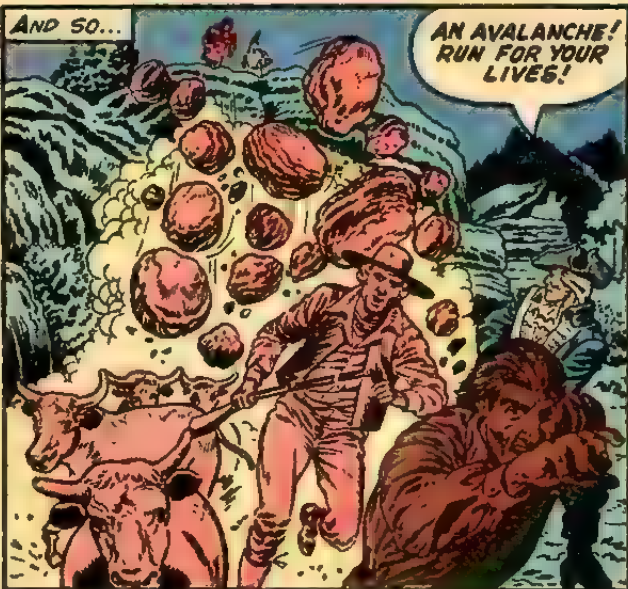
DAN—THOSE MEN BELOW HAVE A PRISONER WITH THEM...

THEY MUST BE THE TORY COWBOYS WE HEARD ABOUT! THESE BOULDERS ARE LOOSE, TII!—LET'S GET TO WORK FAST!



AND SO...

AN AVALANCHE! RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!



THE PRISONER'S RUNNING OFF WITH THE REST, DAN—HE DOESN'T KNOW WE MEAN TO RESCUE HIM...!

THIS ROPE WILL HAVE TO TELL HIM...!



HEY!



LATER—  
DAN BRAND!

SORRY IF YOU WERE ROUGHED UP, BUT—

DAN—  
LOOK OUT!  
BEHIND YOU!





DAN AND TIPI FIGHT VALIANTLY, BUT ARE OVER-  
COME BY FORCE OF NUMBERS!

THIS GORGE FORMS A NATURAL  
**SOUND BOX!** WE COULD HEAR WHAT WAS  
GOING ON BACK HERE EVEN AS WE WERE  
RUNNING... AND WE CREEPT BACK  
BEFORE THE THREE OF  
YOU COULD GET AWAY!



FATHER, THOSE  
TWO... THEY'RE  
**DAN BRAND** AND  
**TIPI**— THE NOTOR-  
IOUS REBEL  
AGENTS!

GOOD! THERE MUST  
BE A HIGH PRICE ON  
THEIR HEADS! WE'LL  
TURN THEM OVER TO  
THE BRITISH ARMY TO-  
MORROW... AND YOUNG  
BAINBRIDGE TOO!



BUT **HE'S** NOT AN  
AGENT! WHY SEND  
**HIM** TO THE FIRING  
SQUAD...?

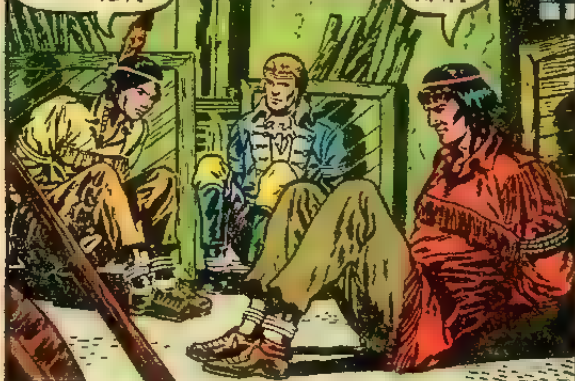
NOT TURNING SOFT  
ON ME—ARE YOU,  
ALLAN? AFTER MY  
GIVING YOU A HOME  
ALL THESE YEARS...?



THE PRISONERS LIE TRUSSED-UP NOW IN A TOOL-  
SHED NEAR THE COWBOY HIDEOUT—

IT'LL BE DAWN SOON,  
DAN! HAVE YOU COME  
UP WITH AN ESCAPE  
PLAN YET?

TOO BUSY  
WORKING ON THESE  
ROPE... AND I CAN'T  
MAKE ANY HEAD-  
WAY!



OUTSIDE THE SHED—

BRRR— COLD OUT TO-  
NIGHT! WONDER WHEN MY  
RELIEF'S COMING...



HAVE TO WORK FAST—  
BEFORE I'M MISSED  
BACK AT THE MAIN  
HOUSE...!

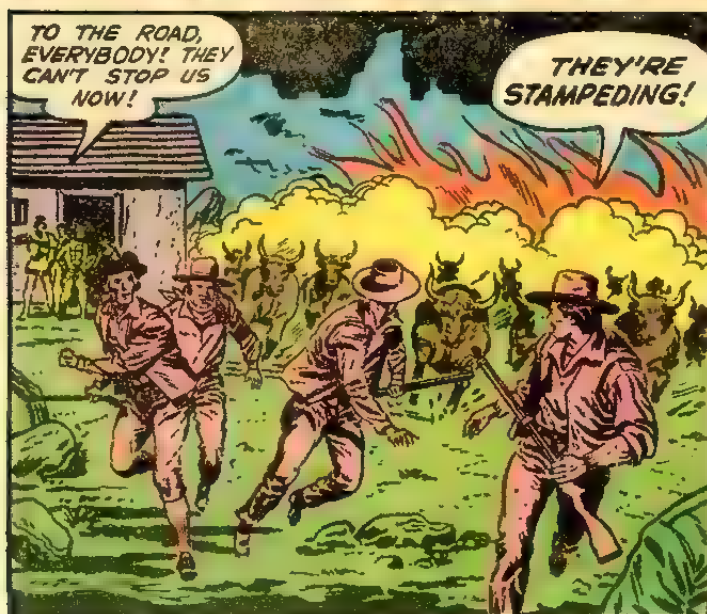
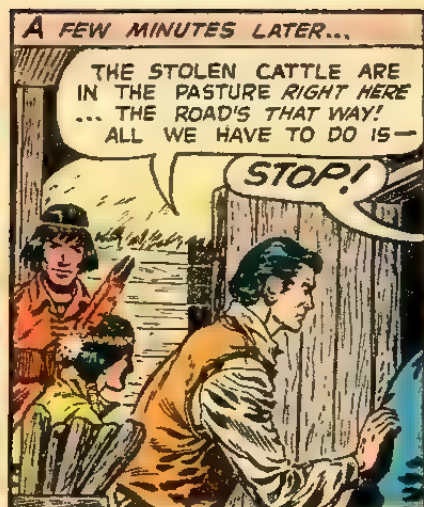
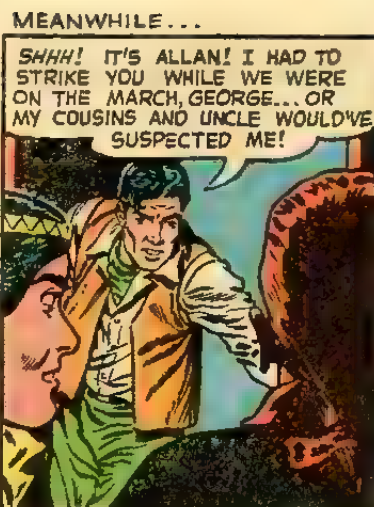
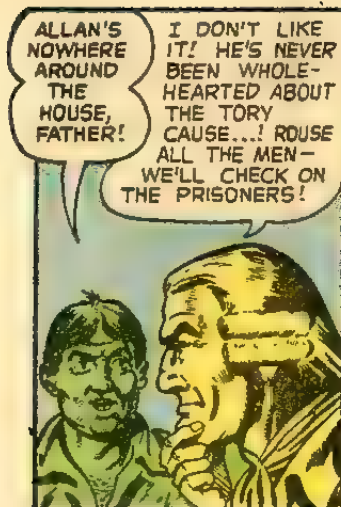


AT THAT MOMENT—

ANY OF YOU  
BOYS SEEN  
ALLAN...









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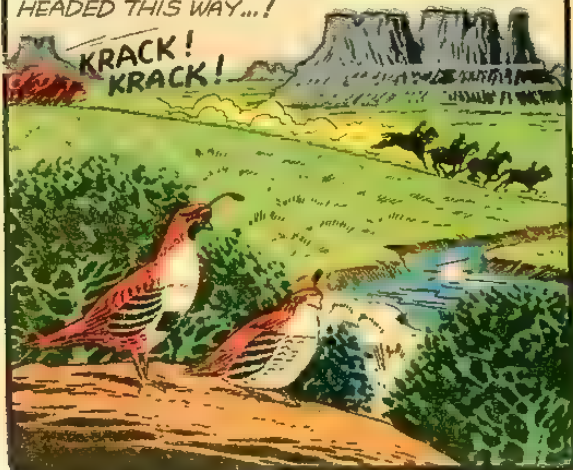


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THIS IS ONE TERRITORY WHERE DURANGO AND MULEY HAVE NEVER BEEN BEFORE... BUT FROM THE SOUND OF THINGS, IT'S GOOD THEY'RE HEADED THIS WAY...!

**KRACK!  
KRACK!**



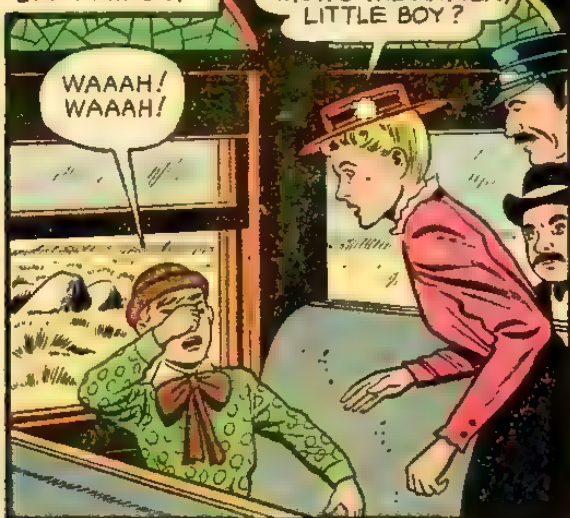
HAW-HAW — THE POSSE TOOK THE WRONG TURN BACK AT THE FORK!

THERE'S NOBODY CAN STOP US FROM MILKING THIS TERRITORY DRY! NOT AS LONG AS MIDGET MIKE SCANLON KEEPS RIDING AT THE HEAD OF THIS GANG!





**THE NEXT DAY—**



WHAT'S THE MATTER, LITTLE BOY?

WAAAH!  
WAAAH!



M-MY=SOB= DADDY WAS LEANING OUT THE WINDOW. AND HE **FELL!**

OH MY GOODNESS! CONDUCTOR—YOU MUST STOP THE TRAIN AT ONCE!

THAT'S JUST WHAT I'M **DOING,** MA'AM!



YOU SEE YOUR FATHER ANYWHERE, SONNY?

NO— BUT THERE ARE **MY THREE FRIENDS!**



GRAB AIR, FOLKS...!

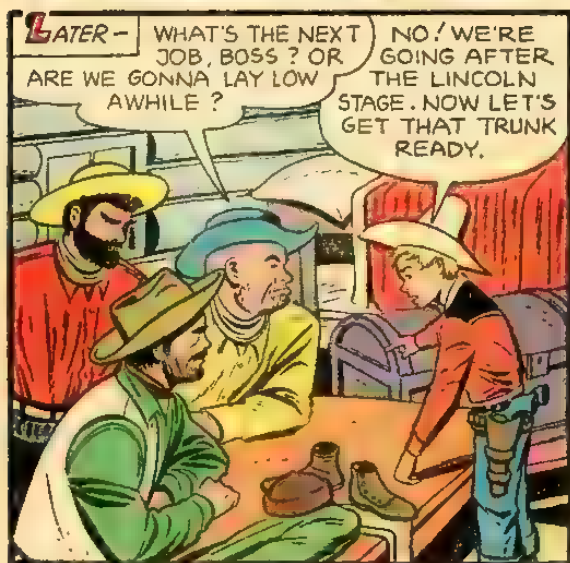
GOOD WORK, BOSS— YOU GOT THEM TO STOP THE TRAIN AT JUST THE RIGHT SPOT!

WHY I'LL—



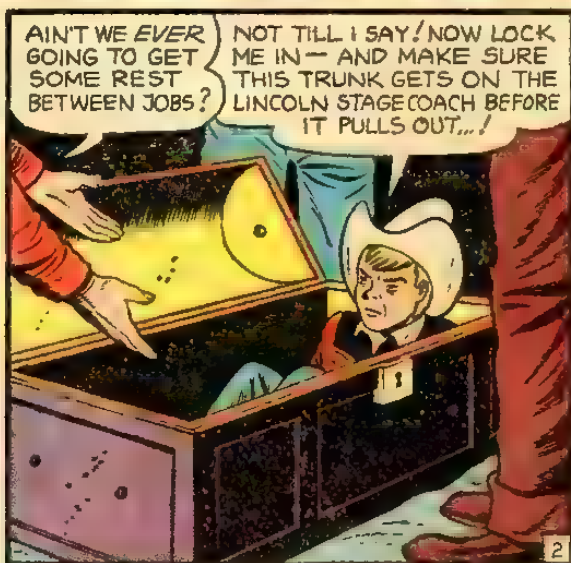
OW!

NO YOU DON'T! NOBODY INTERFERES WHEN **MY** GANG'S PULLING A JOB!



**LATER—** WHAT'S THE NEXT JOB, BOSS? OR ARE WE GONNA LAY LOW AWHILE?

NO! WE'RE GOING AFTER THE LINCOLN STAGE. NOW LET'S GET THAT TRUNK READY.

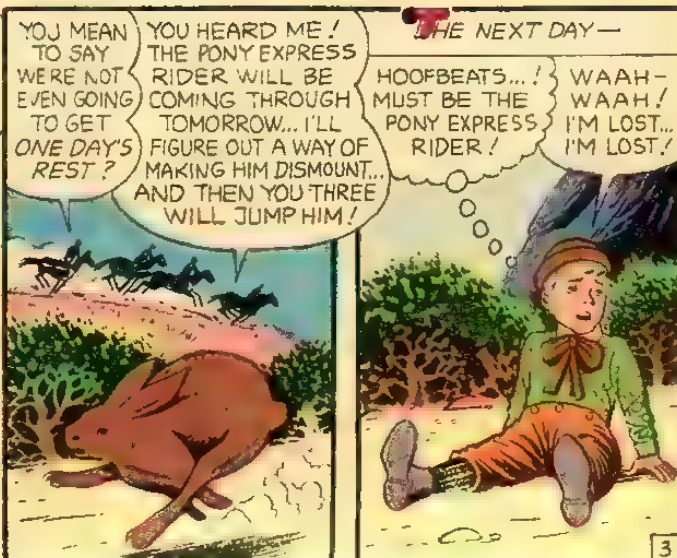
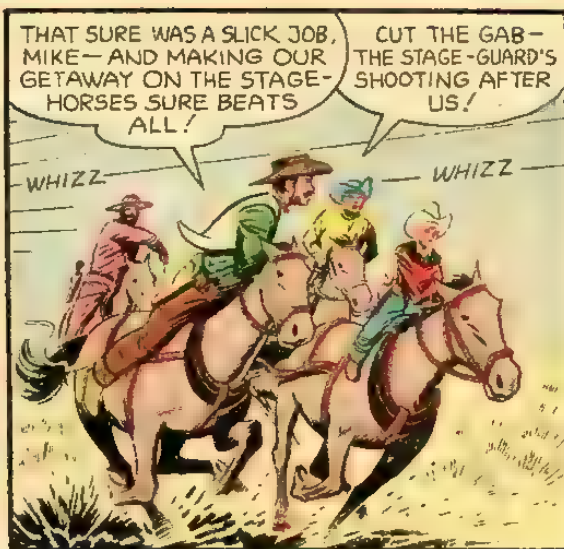
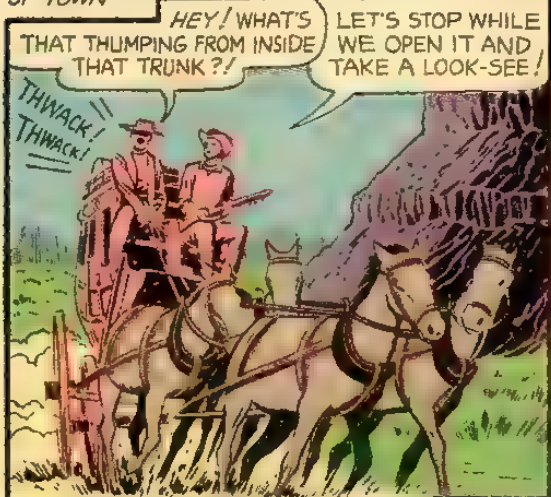


AIN'T WE EVER GOING TO GET SOME REST BETWEEN JOBS?

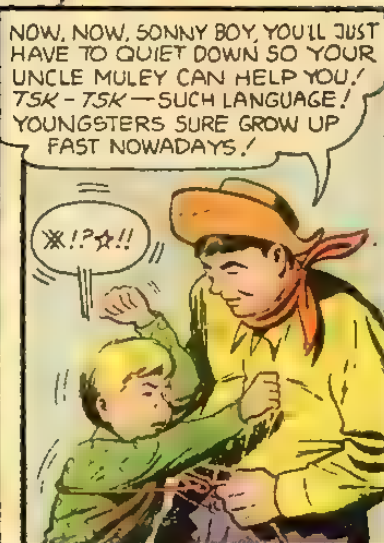
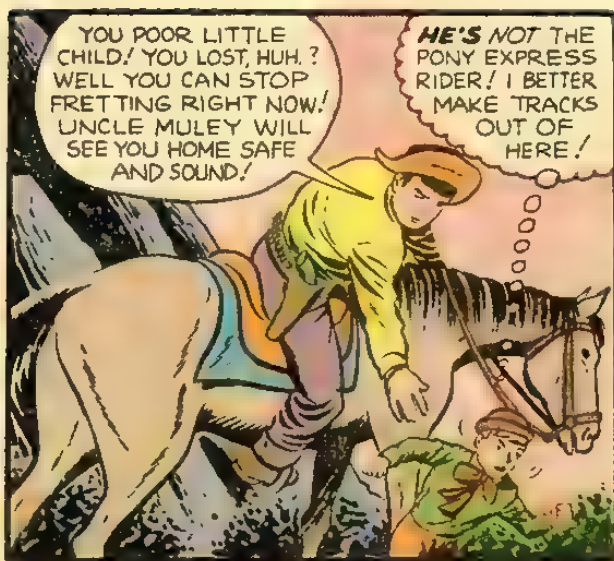
NOT TILL I SAY! NOW LOCK ME IN— AND MAKE SURE THIS TRUNK GETS ON THE LINCOLN STAGECOACH BEFORE IT PULLS OUT...!



**A**FTER THE LINCOLN STAGECOACH IS AN HOUR OUT OF TOWN —





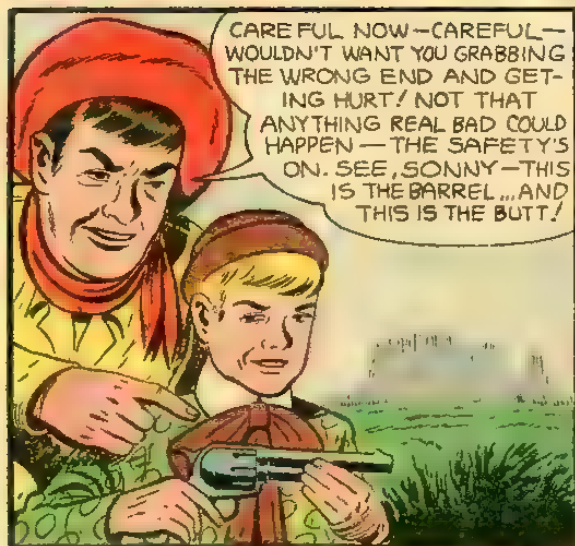
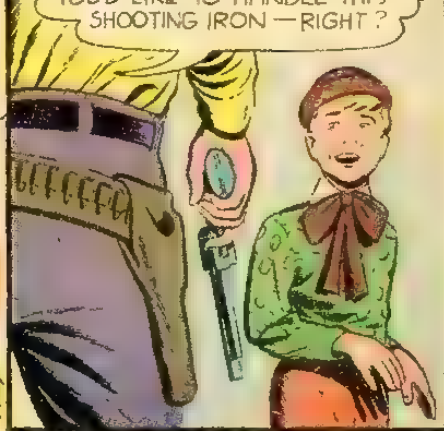




NAUGHTY-NAUGHTY! MUSTN'T TOUCH!  
BIG MAN'S GUN GO **BOOM-BOOM...**  
AND LITTLE BOY'S LIABLE TO  
GET HURT!

HMMM—HE'S A  
RED-BLOODED BOY,  
ALL RIGHT... CRAZY  
ABOUT GUNS! I BET IF  
HE GOT A SHOOTING  
LESSON FROM AN  
EXPERT LIKE YOURS  
TRULY, HE'D BE  
TICKLED PLUMB PINK!

NOW, SON, YOUR UNCLE MULEY BEING  
A REAL STUDENT OF CHILD PSYCHOLOGY,  
KNOWS JUST WHAT'S RUNNING THROUGH  
THAT LITTLE OLD BRAIN OF YOURS!  
YOU'D LIKE TO HANDLE THIS  
SHOOTING IRON—RIGHT?



CAREFUL NOW—CAREFUL—  
WOULDN'T WANT YOU GRABBING  
THE WRONG END AND GET-  
TING HURT! NOT THAT  
ANYTHING REAL BAD COULD  
HAPPEN—THE SAFETY'S  
ON. SEE, SONNY—THIS  
IS THE BARREL... AND  
THIS IS THE BUTT!

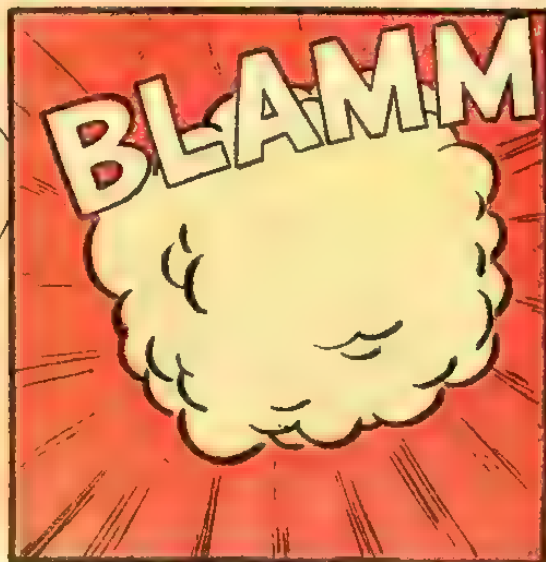


WH-WHAT'RE YOU  
DOING? Y-YOU JUST  
CLICKED THE 'SAFETY'  
OFF! AND NOW YOU'RE—  
**AIEEE!**



Y-YOU MUST BE A  
MIDGET! N-NO TYKE  
COULD EVER SHUDDER=  
SHOOT LIKE THAT!

YOU GUESSED  
IT, LAME-BRAIN!  
BUT YOU'RE NOT  
GOING TO LIVE TO  
DO ANY MORE  
GUESSING...!







LUCKY I CAME RIDING UP JUST IN TIME... POOR MULEY'S FAINTED!

OKAY, MISTER - YOU SCORED THIS TIME, BUT NOW...



...MY THREE FRIENDS WILL TAKE OVER!

DROP THAT GUN PRONTO! NOW TELL US WHICH GANG YOU'RE WORKING WITH...



THIS IS MY FIRST TIME IN THIS TERRITORY... THAT'S WHY THEY HAVEN'T RECOGNIZED ME! AND BECAUSE OF THE MASK, THEY THINK I'M A BADHAT, TOO!

WHAT'RE YOU WAITING FOR? DIDN'T YOU SEE WHAT HE JUST DID TO ME? GUN HIM DOWN!



I WAS WORKING WITH THE BLACK MASKERS, BUT NOW I'M LOOKING FOR A NEW OUTFIT. WANT TO MAKE AN OFFER?

IF YOU WON'T GUN HIM DOWN, I'LL DO IT MYSELF!



JUST THEN -

D-DID YOU SAY: DURANGO?

WH-WHAT HAPPEN -?

DURANGO!



HE SURE DID - AND IT MADE ALL FOUR OF YOU GULP AIR. JUST LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO GO INTO ACTION!

OOFF!



LATER -

EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT, MULEY?

SURE IS! TRIED TO GIVE HIM A SHOOTING LESSON BEFORE THAT DIDN'T WORK OUT TOO GOOD - BUT THIS KNOT-TYING LESSON'S ROLLING RIGHT ALONG WITHOUT A HITCH...!

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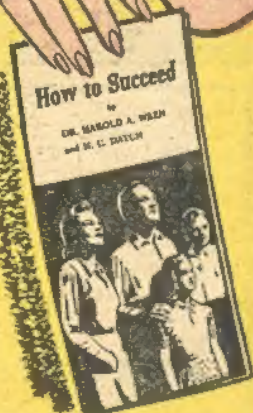
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